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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly trending unchanged to higher for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady in the Midwest, steady to fully steady, instances firm elsewhere. Demand had improved slightly entering the weekend but was still mostly slow to moderate, better where retail ads and fast food promotions were present. Supplies were generally adequate, at times short for smaller sizes and fully sufficient for heavier weights. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were tight and often sought, even at higher levels, fronts and boneless skinless no more than adequate. Wings continued to clear well as Super Bowl approaches with caution noted afterwards. Dark meat was mixed and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/29/01-02/03/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Chicago	47.00-51.00	45.00-64.00	50.24	25
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	50.00-52.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-62.00	46.00-64.00	61.34	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
618	58.50-63.00	61.45
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	137.00	4,510
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00	1,085
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	735
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	8,278
WINGS	93.50	2,832

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broilers was steady. Offerings of additional product varied, but fully sufficient for trade needs. Movement into all sectors was spotty, mostly light to moderate, instances fairly good into a few food service outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to long with sizes desirable. Offerings of parts items though limited and held with confidence were adequate for trade needs with wings moving best. The trade sentiment was mostly steady on all items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased entering the weekend, but was generally no better than moderate. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were available, however, the lighter sizes were better balanced to no more than adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was fully steady on the lighter weights, about steady on the heavier birds. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts ranged tight to closely balanced, and boneless-skinless breasts were about adequate to well cleared. Wings saw better call moving into the bowl weekend, but supplies were more than sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, although, thighs were in the best position.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was fully steady. Trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations generally higher. Offerings were adequate. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was fully steady on breasts with balance of parts generally steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 57, whole cut-up 79, leg quarters 69 (10# bags 290-480), drumsticks 79-99, thighs 99, wings 89-99, split breasts 159, boneless breasts 167-179, boneless thighs 97, boneless leg meat 99-118, ducks 179; Northern California - thighs 99, IQF boneless thighs 4# bag 699, drumsticks 99, whole legs 109, wing drumettes 199 roasters 99; Denver - whole body 119, thighs 69, drumsticks 69, boneless breasts 249, IQF wings 4# bag 599; Arizona - whole body 69, leg quarters 49 (10# bag 390), thighs 99, drumsticks 99, wings 99 (IQF 4# bag 599) split breasts 87-239, boneless breasts 179-399.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all areas was moderate at best with retail ads and fast food specials receiving most interest. Supplies were well balanced to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were tight for fronts and bone-in, close balanced for boneless skinless with all clearing well. Wings were still moving, but caution was noted, and dark meat was mixed, tight for thighs and thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights desirable to heavy with some plants processing tomorrow to avoid or adjust weight problems.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased, but was generally noted as unaggressive and about normal preceeding a weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to short on the 3 pound sizes; fully adequate on the heavier weights. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Breast cuts, particularly bone-in continued to clear well. Wings, livers and gizzards were available. Legs, leg quarters and drums were adequate. Thighs were irregularly balanced.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	50-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.23
NO. OF BOXES	10,661
CUMULATIVE	01/22/01-01/26/01 55.10
	01/24/00-01/28/00 49.07
NO. OF BOXES	01/22/01-01/26/01 54,517
	01/24/00-01/28/00 29,626

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JANUARY 25, 2001

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JANUARY 26, 2001

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	705	120.00-202.00	125-135	139.10	711	120.00-202.00	125-135	140.23	3,686	135.38
TENDERLOINS	86	130.00-195.00	-	163.60	87	128.00-190.00	140-145	144.43	653	149.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				80	64.00-71.00	66-68	69.41	476	65.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				330	57.64
LEGS	127	27.00-41.00	27-30	28.72	127	27.00-41.00	27-30	28.72	635	28.72
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	364	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.23	413	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.25	1,941	17.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,657	18.00-23.50	21-23.5	21.22	1,737	18.00-23.50	21-23.5	21.19	8,564	21.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	92.00-98.00	-	96.68	321	87.00-98.00	-	95.47	1,614	96.38
WINGS (CUT)	459	103.00-122.00	103-110	109.94	461	103.00-122.00	103-110	110.01	2,264	107.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				30	41.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				24	41.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				82	80.00-83.00	-	81.54	421	80.05

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 25, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

45.00 - 46.75

**AVERAGE**

45.37

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 26, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

38.25 - 40.00

**AVERAGE**

38.63

**5-DAY****AVERAGE**

37.76

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest increased slightly ending the week, but was generally no better than moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained tight with premiums being sought, and boneless-skinless breasts were no more than adequate to balanced. Wings saw better movement into the bowl weekend, however, product was more than sufficient. Active interest in thighs continued to keep product well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best where attractive features stimulated consumers. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, fully steady on thighs, about steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	JAN 25, 2001	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	JAN 26, 2001		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
		TRADING*				TRADING*				WTD AVG			
BREAST - B/S		130-135		132.15	632,380	135-140		137.36	668,110	129.17		129.17	3,323,390
TENDERLOINS		130-135		134.39	125,334	130-135		133.09	115,320	133.10		133.10	609,064
BREAST - WITH RIBS		65-66		71.04	264,600	67-68		71.54	229,760	69.00		69.00	1,202,800
BREAST - LINE RUN		65		69.34	199,600	67		70.60	180,000	66.77		66.77	1,046,800
LEGS		33-34		36.39	220,160	33-34		34.57	240,440	35.51		35.51	1,171,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		20-21		20.53	478,031	20-21		19.37	475,173	20.65		20.65	2,445,075
DRUMSTICKS		28-29		33.51	155,742	28-29		32.60	203,710	33.21		33.21	842,502
THIGHS		29-30		34.88	121,660	29-30		30.78	216,580	31.82		31.82	839,660
B/S THIGHS		80-81		84.01	48,840	81-82		84.75	55,640	83.50		83.50	238,700
WINGS (WHOLE)		90-91		98.14	529,600	90-91		96.73	334,570	98.68		98.68	1,716,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12		12.28	81,360	10-12		12.06	81,520	12.08		12.08	373,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35		33.66	28,760	30-35		34.50	46,240	36.08		36.08	182,525
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		45-50		49.51	93,160	45-50		46.92	130,960	53.53		53.53	491,410

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	01/26	01/25	01/24	01/23	01/24	01/23	01/19	01/17
ALA	3,802	3,816	3,299	3,822	5.07	5.01	3,899	5.01
ARK	5,476	4,986	5,142	5,203	4.81	4.80	5,325	4.82
DELMARVA	2,221	2,296	2,225	2,280	4.91	5.01	2,274	4.94
KY-LA-TN	1,958	1,976	1,982	1,852	4.47	4.53	1,905	4.40
MISS	2,728	2,820	2,775	2,690	5.00	4.96	2,850	5.13
NC	2,584	2,603	2,506	2,571	5.65	5.84	2,600	5.98
TEXAS	2,538	2,330	2,168	2,284	4.78	4.91	2,372	4.86
TOTAL	21,307	20,827	20,097	20,702	4.96	5.00	21,225	5.01
MON-FRI104,013(A)							96,900(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jan-01 and 27-Jan-01 is estimated to be 31,878,000 up 2.26 percent from a week ago and up 29.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 24,554,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-Jan-01 is estimated to be 151,240,000 head up 0.9 percent from a week ago, and up 4.7 percent from a year ago (Last week 149,911,000 Last year 144,385,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	93-96
HENS OVER 5#	105-112
DUCKS	112-119
	98
	94
	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jan 13, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service

4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----

	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	37,338	20,249	51,280
Avg Weight	3.81	4.76	6.01
% of total /1	34%	19%	47%

**COMPARISONS**

	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
Last week	27,204	26,407	46,255
Avg Weight	3.74	5.04	6.31
% of total /1	27%	26%	46%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,065	27,611	45,924
Avg Weight	3.78	4.85	6.11
% of total /1	30%	26%	44%
To date/2001	64,542	46,656	97,535
To date/2000	56,590	65,048	90,077

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 20-Jan-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS DUCKS

-----THOUSANDS-----

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	149,911 (A)	1,787	1,376	3,163	511
AVG WT	5.07	3.42	7.75	5.30	6.74
LAST WEEK	157,211	1,971	1,245	3,216	437
YR AGO	147,873	2,030	1,229	3,259	477
AVG WT	5.20	3.32	8.19	5.16	6.42
TO-DATE/2001	433,934	5,119	3,393	8,512	1,435
TO-DATE/2000	459,946	6,186	4,138	10,324	1,514

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.7 million head or 0.2 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 23, 2001**

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.78 - .92	Silkie 3.50 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.78 - 1.04	Geese 9-14 LBS .20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .52	Pigeons 2.00 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.46 - .62	White Pigeons 2.50 - 3.05ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .84	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .92	4-6 LBS 1.10 - 1.44
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.08	7-11 LBS .90 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies 1.50 - 7.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - 1.02	Guinea Pigs .05 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.35 - 1.55	Doves 3.00 - 4.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS .60 - .82
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.75ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.18 - .28	Total Coops Sold 438

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was mostly fair this week following the Chinese New Year. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules were generally full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50 PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 22-JAN-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 16	150.3	146.1	103	5.18
23	150.1	141.3	106	5.14
30	117.9	137.1	86	4.87
JANUARY 6	126.8	139.4	91	5.17
13	159.1	147.6	108	5.09
20	151.7	151.9	100	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	439.2	438.9	100	
JANUARY 27		152.3		
FEBRUARY 3		152.7		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

W/E	01/27/01	01/20/01	% CHG	01/29/00	% CHG
Broilers	151,240	149,911*	+01	144,385*	+05
Cattle	667	671	-01	682*	-02
Hogs	1,923	1,922	0	1,852*	+04

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Prices were unchanged on light canners. However, majority prices on heavy canners were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair for a moderate to mostly good demand. Offerings were clearing but ranged from in close balance to adequate for trade requirements. Undertone was usually no better than steady with some caution noted.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

21-24.5 MAJORITY

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

35.25-38.5 MAJORITY 36-38.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-26 MAJORITY

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

37.5-40.5 MAJORITY 38-40

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Demand for finished product was clearing available offerings. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was light for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were slow but clearing. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for current needs with reports of excess spent fowl going to alternative disposal. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady

**LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

**HEAVY** **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

Southeast Heavy TFEWR (1)

Southeast Heavy TFEWR (2)

f.o.b. plant TFEWR

South Central Heavy TFEWR (1)

**LIGHT** **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

Eastern Light 0 (1)

Eastern Light 0 (2)

So. Central Light TFEWR (2)

No. Central Light TFEWR (1)

No. Central Light 0 (2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for usually fully adequate offerings. Finished product sales were moderate and clearing. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

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